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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on December 4, 2002, please consider the remarks that follow.

Applicants respectfully petition for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the period for responding up to and including Monday, May 05, 2003. A check for the extension fee is enclosed. If any additional petition is required, or if any additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1, 6-16, 20, and 25-33 remain pending in this application.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1, 6-16, and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over United States Patent No. 5,777,989 to McGarvey et al. ("McGarvey"). Claim 25 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 26-33 are allowed.